



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
"Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs"



May 31, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FROM THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL IMPROVEMENT
ACCOUNT FOR DEFERRED MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS PROGRAM AT
THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL
(3rd District 3-Vote Matter)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed expenditures are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act according to the Sections of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, cited herein.
2. Approve the Los Angeles Philharmonic's (LAPA) 2004-05 Ticket Surcharge Funded Deferred Maintenance and Operations Program, in the amount of \$738,351, which is funded from the two and one half percent (2.5%) surcharge on Hollywood Bowl tickets and carry-over funds from previous years that have been deposited into the Improvement Account.
3. Delegate to the Director of the Parks and Recreation (DPR) the authority to approve a maximum of \$15,000 from the Improvement Account for unanticipated similar expenditures during the Hollywood Bowl season.

PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS/JUSTIFICATION

The recommended actions will allow LAPA to expend the funds within the Improvement Account for specified expenditures approved by your Board as required under the terms of Lease Agreement No. 74998 between the County and LAPA, which your Board approved on June 22, 2004.

LAPA has identified its operation, maintenance, and repair priorities to be funded by the ticket surcharge collected in 2004 and by prior year carry-over funding and is requesting your Board's approval of those priorities, as follows:

- A. Fund the operation of the Hollywood Bowl Museum at an estimated cost of \$150,971 to provide the public historical perspective on this important cultural facility, which is available to the public free of charge.
- B. Fund the repair of directors' chairs, prom matting, box rails and sides, hand rails, stage doors, signage, painting supplies and maintenance supplies for an estimated cost of \$136,000.
- C. Fund the acquisition and renovation of stage elevator vents, Camrose telecom data system, Camrose new roof and painting, stage millwork, telephone switch room security, Odin parking rails, and men's restroom number two for an estimated cost of \$129,500.
- D. Fund the acquisition of new security cameras, radio equipment, folding chairs, electric cart and air traffic strobe light for an estimated cost of \$86,800.
- E. Fund the acquisition of a new street sweeper at an estimated cost of \$165,000.

In addition, it is recommended that your Board authorize the Director of DPR to expend a maximum of \$15,000 from the Improvement Account for unanticipated expenses such as minor facility improvements/repairs and/or equipment purchases that may be required during the Bowl season and are exempt from CEQA.

The proposed projects will provide for general facility maintenance, operations, and improvements that address health and safety issues and enhance the Hollywood Bowl's image. DPR supports the expenditures proposed by the LAPA and recommends Board approval.

Implementation Of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended action supports County Strategic Plan Goal No. 4, Fiscal Responsibility by providing for the ticket surcharge to be used for improvements that provide facilities and services that are beneficial to the public.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no impact on the County General Fund as all of the expenditures will be funded through the Improvement Account. The total funding available in the Improvement Account is \$738,351, including proceeds from the two and one half percent (2.5%) surcharge from 2004 ticket sales in the amount of \$690,211 and carry-over from prior years in the amount of \$48,140.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Improvement Account, which is a separate account held by LAPA, is primarily funded from a portion of the ticket sales at the Hollywood Bowl. In accordance with Section 4.4 (d) of the Lease Agreement, funds held in the Account may be disbursed by LAPA only after review and approval of LAPA's recommendations by your Board. In addition, the lease requires the funds to be used for either capital improvements; expenditures for equipment and services and supplies related to the property; and for expenses in operating the Hollywood Bowl Museum.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed projects funded by the Improvement Account are categorically exempt from CEQA, as follows:

Operation of the Hollywood Bowl Museum is categorically exempt from CEQA according to Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 1 of the *Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines* adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the project involves operation of existing facilities.

Repair of directors' chairs, prom matting, box rails and sides, hand rails, stage doors, signage, painting supplies and maintenance supplies are categorically exempt from CEQA according to Section 15301 (d) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 1 (c) of the *Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines* adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the project involves repair of existing facilities.

Acquisition and renovation of stage elevator vents, Camrose telecom data system, Camrose new roof and painting, stage millwork, telephone switch room security, Odin parking rails, and men's restroom number two are categorically exempt from CEQA according to Sections 15301 (d) and 15302 (c) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 1 (c) and Class 2 (e) of the *Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines* adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the project involves repair, replacement or reconstruction of existing facilities.

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Acquisition of new security cameras, radio equipment, folding chairs, an electric cart, an air traffic strobe light and a new street sweeper are categorically exempt from CEQA according to Section 15303 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 3 of the *Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines* adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the project involves small new equipment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of this action will not have any impact on any other services or projects, but will invest in the infrastructure at the Hollywood Bowl.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Office-Clerk of the Board to return three conformed copies of this action to Parks and Recreation and one conformed copy to the Chief Administrative Office, Capital Projects Division.

Respectfully submitted,



Russ Guiney
Director

c: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Los Angeles Philharmonic Association